REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed January 25, 2008 the Office noted that claims 1-19 were pending and rejected claims 1-19. Claims 1-19 have been amended, no claims have been canceled, claim 20 is new, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-20 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Fallah, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0047781. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument.

Fallah discusses a detector for detecting a physical variable from a tag.

On page 2 of the Office Action, it is asserted that Fallah, Figures 1 and 2; and ¶¶ 0022 and 0025 disclose a "secure electronic entity … receiving from said time measuring means (18) information on said date or said duration and producing data certifying said item of data relative to a date or a duration intended for an external entity," as in claim 1.

However, Fallah ¶ 0022 states

> At regular intervals, for example once every hour, the central processing unit 34 of detector 30 is awakened by clock 35 and **activates reading circuit 32 of probe 31**. Circuit 32 delivers a measurement of the physical variable to converter 33, **which transmits this**

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**information in digital form to central processing unit
34. Central processing unit 34 stores the information
in memory 36, indicating the date and time of the
measurement.** Probe 31 is, for example, a temperature
probe or a semiconductor-based detector of high-energy
radiation. [Emphasis added]

Thus, as discussed in Fallah, a detector reads a value from a tag
via probe 31 and stores the information found in memory 36 along
with the time. As Fallah is discussing a detector, it is not
discussing a secure entity as recited in the claims. Further,
the time measuring means is not in the tag (i.e. secure entity)
but in the detector. Further, Fallah is silent as to certifying
the item of data relative to the time. Fallah only speaks about
storing it or performing a history check (See Fallah ¶ 0025), not
certifying the data in relation to the time.

Therefore, for at least the reason discussed above,
claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by
Fallah.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as
being obvious over Fallah in view of Horvat, U.S. Patent No.
7,036,018. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the
rejection with an argument.

Horvat discusses an integrated circuit capable of
displaying the time.

Horvat adds nothing to the deficiencies of Fallah as
applied to independent claim 1. Therefore, Fallah and Horvat,

taken separately or in combination, fail to render obvious the features of claims 11-13.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

NEW CLAIM

Claim 20 is new. Support for claim 20 found, for example, in ¶ 0042 of the Specification. The Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by claim 20. The prior fails to disclose that the secure entity device is an electronic tag.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103. It is also submitted that claims 1-20 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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